

SUPPORTING STATEMENT

Notice of Naturalization Oath Ceremony

Form N-445

(OMB No. 1615-0054)

A. JUSTIFICATION.

1. Title 8 CFR 337.2(c) requires that immediately prior to commencement of the oath ceremony, each applicant for naturalization complete the questionnaire on Form N-445. Responses are required to ensure compliance with section 101(f), 316, 332, 335, and 336 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(f), 1427, 1443, 1446, and 1447).
2. The information furnished on this form refers to events that may have occurred since the applicant's initial interview and prior to the administration of the oath of allegiance. Several months may elapse between these dates and the information that is provided assists the officer in rendering an appropriate decision on the application.
3. The use of this form provides the most efficient means for collecting and processing the required data. In this case, the USCIS does not employ the use of information technology in collecting and processing information. Currently, the USCIS does not have the automated capability in place to accept electronic submission of applications. However, the USCIS will conduct a study that will include a plan to determine the feasibility of electronic filing.
4. A review of the USCIS forms inventory report revealed no duplication of effort and there is no other similar information currently available that can be used for this purpose.

5. This collection of information does not have an impact on small businesses or other small entities.
6. If this information is not collected and presented to the service officer at the time of the ceremony, there is no mechanism for the USCIS to retrieve this information and allow for an appropriate decision to be made on the applicant for administration of the oath of allegiance.
7. The special circumstances contained in item 7 of the supporting statement are not applicable to this information collection.
8. The USCIS published a notice in the Federal Register on June 22, 2005 at 70 FR 36202. The notice allowed for a 60-day public review and comment period. No comments were received.
9. The USCIS does not provide payment or gifts to respondents in exchange for a benefit sought.
10. There is no assurance of confidentiality.
11. There are no questions of a sensitive nature.
12. Annual Reporting Burden:
 - a. Number of Respondents 650,000
 - b. Number of Responses per each Respondent 1

c.	Total Annual Responses	650,000
d.	Hours per Response	.083
e.	Total Annual Reporting Burden	53,950
f.	Total Public Cost	\$ 539,500

Annual Burden Hours

Total annual reporting burden hours is 53,950. This figure was derived by multiplying the number of respondents (650,000) x frequency of response (1) x hours per response (5) minutes (.083).

Public Cost

The estimated annual public cost is \$ 539,500. This is based on the number of respondents 53,950 x \$10 (average hourly rate).

13. There are no capital or start-up costs associated with this information collection. Any cost burdens to respondents as a result of this collection are identified in Item 14. (*There are no fee charges associated with this information collection.*)

14. Annualized Cost Analysis:

a.	Printing Cost	\$ 117,000
b.	Collection and Processing Cost	\$ 2,158,000
c.	Total Cost to Program	\$ 2,275,000
d.	Fee Charge	\$ 0
e.	Total Cost to Government	\$ 2,275,000

Government Cost

The estimated cost of the program to the Government is \$2,275,000. This figure is calculated by using the estimated number of respondents (650,000) multiplied (x) by 5 (.083) minutes (time required to collect and process information) x \$40 (suggested average hourly rate for clerical, officer, and supervisory time with benefits). In addition, this figure includes the estimated overhead cost for printing, stocking, distributing, and processing of this form).

15. There has been no increase or decrease in the burden hours previously reported for this information collection.
16. USCIS does not intend to employ the use of statistic or the publication thereof for this collection of information.
17. The USCIS is not seeking a waiver of the requirement to display the expiration date for OMB approval of this information collection.
18. The USCIS does not request an exception to the certification of this information collection. See attached Item 19 of Form OMB 83-I.

B. Collection of Information Employing Statistical Methods.

Not applicable.

C. Certification and Signature.

PAPERWORK CERTIFICATION

In submitting this request for OMB approval, I certify that the requirements of the Privacy Act and OMB directives have been complied with, including paperwork regulations, statistical standards or directives, and any other information policy directives promulgated under 5 CFR 1320.

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Date